

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging member, and a single intermediate connecting member connecting the table engaging member with the shaft, the intermediate connecting member being shaped for avoiding an obstruction on the table located substantially along the shaft axis between the table engaging means and the elongated shaft by being offset from the shaft axis between a location where the table engaging means is to engage the table and a location where the intermediate connecting means connects to the elongated shaft. ~~adjacent between a location where the table engaging member is to engage the table.~~
2. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting -member extends between two spaced apart ends, one end being connected to the shaft, and the other end being connected to the table engaging -member.
3. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 2 wherein the two ends of the intermediate connecting member are aligned with each other and with the shaft axis.
4. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 3 wherein the intermediate connecting member comprises an elongated intermediate connecting member extending between the shaft and the table engaging member.
5. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 4 ~~wherein at least a portion of the intermediate connecting member is spaced apart from the shaft axis.~~ Further comprising a cue engaging means for cradling a cue.
6. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is formed by a pair of spaced apart

transverse cross members, one of which extends from the shaft and the other extending from the table engaging member, and the respective transverse cross members are joined by a longitudinally extending ~~member~~ median portion which extends parallel to the shaft axis but spaced apart therefrom.

7. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein the intermediate connecting member is substantially of half-bottle shape.

8. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~35~~ 1 wherein the table engaging member is adjustably mounted to the intermediate connecting member.

9. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~29~~ 30 wherein the table engaging member is pivotally connected to the intermediate connecting member.

10. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~29~~ 30 wherein the table engaging member is pivotable about the shaft axis.

11. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 provided with a rotational restraining member to restrain the rotational movement of table engaging member relative to the intermediate connecting member.

12. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~35~~ 1 wherein the table engaging member comprises two arms and the cue engaging member comprises two arms which are arranged to form a cruciform structure, the arms defining angles therebetween.

13. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 12 wherein at least one of the table engaging member or cue engaging member houses a rotation restraining ~~members~~ member.

14. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~35~~ 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is connectable to the table engaging members by an axial bolt which is adapted for engaging with the rotation restraining member.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 14 wherein the axial bolt is integrally formed with at least one of the group consisting of the intermediate connecting member, the table engaging member or the cue engaging member.

20-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein at least one of the cross members is curved.

30. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim ~~28~~ 29 wherein the intermediate connecting member is of accurate shape.

31. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 6 wherein at least one of the cross members is substantially perpendicular to the shaft axis.

32-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein a cue engaging member for cradling a cue extends from the table engaging member.

35. (Previously presented) A cue rest as claimed in claim 8 having a member for securing the table engaging member to the intermediate connecting member at a desired relative orientation.

36-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently amended) A cue rest as claimed in claim 1 wherein the intermediate connecting member is bendable, ~~or is provided with articulated joints.~~

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently amended) A cue rest comprising an elongated shaft defining a central longitudinally extending shaft axis, a table engaging means, and an intermediate connecting means connecting the table engaging means with

the shaft, the intermediate connecting means having a curved portion offset from the central longitudinally extending axis ~~being shaped~~ for avoiding an obstruction on the table ~~adjacent~~ between a location where the table engaging means is to engage the table and a location where the intermediate connecting member connects to the elongated shaft.